



**3rd Sunday in Ord. Time
January 22, 2012**

Welcome to St. Helena Church

Our Church is a center for spiritual growth, where positive attitudes are developed, where good people become better, where hurts are healed, where lessons are learned, where friendships are developed, where marriages restless find peace, where love is alive, where God is understood, where the Holy Spirit leads, and where Jesus Christ is Lord. Together, let us spread the message of the Gospel to our neighbors.

**St. Helena Church ~ A Tithing Parish
Mission Statement**

We, the Parish of St. Helena, are rooted in Jesus Christ and nourished by Eucharist. We are aware of our present diversity and the changes that enrich us. We strive with all that God has given us to live and to share the Gospel of love by creating a welcoming and united community. We seek to integrate actively people of all ages, races, and cultures into every area of life.

Declaración de Misión de Santa Helena

Nosotros, la parroquia de Santa Helena, estamos enraizados en Cristo Jesús y alimentados por la Eucaristía. Estamos conscientes de nuestra diversidad actual y de los cambios que nos enriquecen. Buscamos, con todo lo que Dios nos ha dado, vivir y compartir el Evangelio de amor creando un ambiente de acogida y una comunidad unida. Buscamos de integrar activamente en toda área de la vida a cada persona de toda edad, raza y cultura.

Giao Xứ Thánh Helena – Giáo Xứ Thập Phần

Tôn Chỉ

Chúng tôi, Giáo Xứ Thánh Helena bắt nguồn từ Chúa Giêsu Kitô và được nuôi dưỡng bằng bí tích Thánh Thể. Chúng tôi nhận biết sự đa dạng của Giáo xứ và những thay đổi làm chúng tôi được phong phú hơn. Chúng tôi cố gắng, với tất cả những gì Chúa ban, sống và chia sẻ Tin mừng của Tình thương bằng cách xây dựng một cộng đoàn hiệp nhất và chào đón mọi người. Chúng tôi luôn tìm cách kết hợp mọi người sống hòa đồng với nhau không phân biệt tuổi tác, sắc tộc hay văn hóa.

We Remember in Prayer... Our Sick

Winnie McGinty	Patricia Komly	Charles Ball
Theresa Palmer	Taryn & Jack	Betty Masi
Judy Kovescek	Bernie Black	Rita Voros
Donald Panaro	Charles T. Benner	Joseph Voros
Geraldo Acevedo	Tam Tri Nguyen	Roberta Pohl
Noreen Blyweiss	Barbara Eldred	Joan Schaller
Andre Clarke	Ellen Moffa	Eleanor Garin
Baby McClintock	Baby Avery William	Patricia Sobel

We Remember Our Deceased... Marie Fischuk

Masses for the Week January 22nd to 29th

SATURDAY, Jan. 21, 2012

4:30pm Nora Lenehan Dempsey

SUNDAY, Jan. 22, 2012 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM Maria & Dominic Nguyen

9:30AM Personal Intention

11:15AM Bill & Sarah Lehmann

12:30PM Anna Rosa Malagon

MONDAY, Jan. 23, 2012

7:00AM Joseph Chiet Doan & Rosa

8:00AM The Magee Family

TUESDAY, Jan. 24, 2012 St. Francis de Sales

7:00AM Bader, Steel, Sheer Families

8:00AM Maria Mai Lam

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 25, 2012 Conversion of St. Paul

7:00AM Rev. John M. Donohie

8:00AM Hoang Am

THURSDAY, Jan. 26, 2012 Sts. Timothy & Titus

7:00AM Rosa DiNicola

8:00AM Goan Baotizita

FRIDAY, Jan. 27, 2012 St. Angela Merici

7:00AM Joseph Chiet & All Souls

8:00AM Michael Carroll

SATURDAY, Jan. 28, 2012 St. Thomas Aquinas

8:00am Joseph Chiet (2nd Anniv)

4:30pm Rev. Dominic Bang Toan

SUNDAY, Jan. 29, 2012 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM Angel Toe (20th Anniv)

9:30AM Personal Intention

11:15AM Gertrude Westermann

12:30PM Francisca Ruiz

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, Jan. 22, 2012 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jon 3: 1-5, 10 1 Cor 7: 29-31 Mk 1: 14-20

MONDAY (23) 2 Sm 5: 1-7

Mk 3: 22-30

TUESDAY (24) 2 Sm 6: 12b-15, 17-19

Mk 3: 31-35

WEDNESDAY (25) Acts 22: 3-16

Mk 16: 15-18

THURSDAY (26) 2 Tm 1: 1-8 or Tit 1: 1-5

Mk 4: 21-25

FRIDAY (27) 2 Sm 11: 1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17

Mk 4: 26-34

SATURDAY (28) 2 Sm 12: 1-7a, 10-17

Mk 4: 35-41





Catholic Social Teaching

“We must repeat that the superfluous goods of wealthier nations ought to be placed at the disposal of the poorer nations...and the prospering peoples will be the first to benefit from this.” *Populorum Progressio*—1967-- #49 (Compliments of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia: www.ssjphila.org)

St. Helena School Dates

Jan 29th - Opening of Catholic School's week Mass at 11:15am
All Students Must attend this Mass & wear school uniform

Jan 29th - Open House at the School

Feb 1st - Community Breakfast

Feb 3rd - Students off --- Faculty Retreat

Feb 20th - Students off for Presidents' Day



Announcements

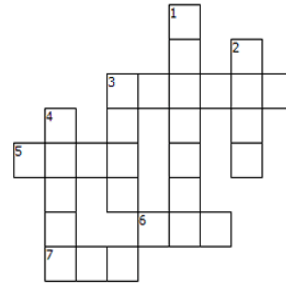
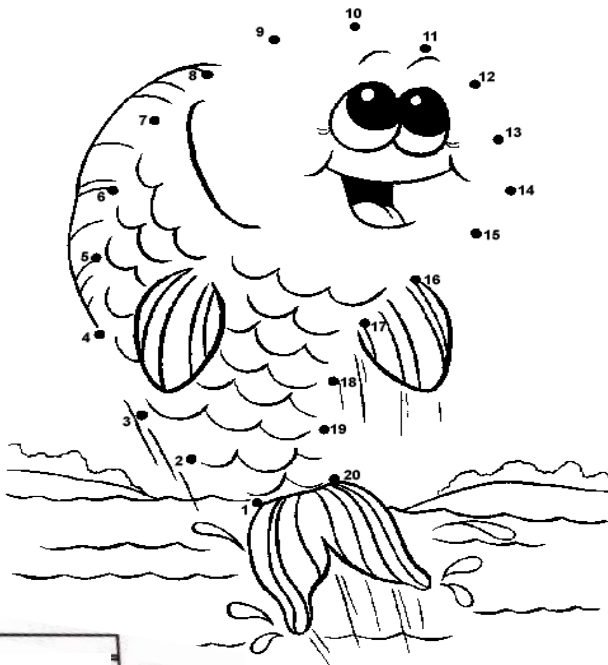


- Saint Basil Academy is sponsoring a Practice Examination for 7th grade girls on Saturday, March 3, 2012 at 9:00am. The cost of the exam will be \$30.00. Refreshments will be provided. Please contact Mrs. Maureen Walsh in the Admissions Office at 215-885-6952 to request an application. Saint Basil Academy is located at 711 Fox Chase Road, Jenkintown, PA. 19046.
- Mount Saint Joseph Academy is holding a practice test for 7th grade girls on Saturday, March 31, 2012 from 8:00am to 11:30am. The cost of the test will be \$45.00. To register online go to www.msjacad.org Mount Saint Joseph Academy is located at 120 E. Wissahickon Avenue, Flourtown, PA. 19031.
- St. Helena 55+ Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. The next meeting will take place on January 26, 2012 at 12:00Noon in the Rectory Basement. If interested, see Sr. Sophie Yondura.
- You can change the future by becoming a Foster Parent. Foster families provide temporary homes to children of all ages, races, and religions whose families are in crisis. The love, service and example of Catholic Social Services foster parents have a lasting and positive effect on all children whose lives they touch. For information about how you can become a foster parent, call 267-331-2502.
- Join the Sisterhood! John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School welcomes all current 7th through 11th grade students to Open House and Registration on Sunday, January 29th from 12:00 to 3:00pm. For more information go to www.jwhallahan.org or call 215-563-8930 ext. 253
- Sts. John Neumann & Maria Goretti Catholic High School NEW Scholarship/Placement Test Dates are scheduled for February 11th and March 31st from 9:00am to Noon. Registration Fee is \$25.00. For any further questions, please call the Recruitment Office at 215-465-8437 ext/ 248.

Children's Activity Page

Jesus Calls Us to Follow Him

(Mk. 1: 14-20)



ACROSS

3. To get behind someone and go where they go
5. A report of recent occurrences
6. An openwork fabric of cords used to catch fish
7. A large area of salty water, smaller than an ocean

DOWN

1. An area of Israel; the place of Jesus' ministry
2. A small vehicle for travelling on water
3. An animal which lives in water and is covered with scales
4. The Son of God

GALILEE	NEWS	JESUS	FISH
FOLLOW	SEA	BOAT	NET



St. Helena Alumni Beef and Beer



Calling All St. Helena School Alumni and Parishioners!!!

- WHAT: St. Helena School Alumni First Annual Beef and Beer
- WHEN: Saturday, March 3, 2012
- TIME: 6:30pm to 10:30pm
- WHERE: St. Helena School Hall (5th and Spencer Streets)
- HOW: For Tickets and Information
e-mail pjs.shs70@gmail.com

Cost: \$25.00 per person

Tickets are also available at: St. Helena School
6101 N. 5th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19120
Attention: Sister Marie Albert, SSJ
Alumni Office – 215-549-8299



St. Helena Parish is a Tithing Parish since Jan. 19, 2003. God has provided for us in wonderful ways and we are committed to "making a return to the Lord for all His goodness to us." All we are and have is due to God's goodness.

Stewardship Report



1/17/10.....\$5813.00
 1/16/11.....\$6102.00
1/15/12.....\$5789.00

Number of Envelopes from Mass	281	Loose Collection from Mass	\$1164.00
Envelope Collection from Mass	\$3907.00	Drop Off Collection	\$718.00
Catholic Relief Envelopes.....	\$1120.00		



Last But Not Least



Today we celebrate the **3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Today we hear that God's calls us all to follow Jesus and to do the kind of things that Jesus did. The main thing that God calls us to do is to follow Jesus - to learn from him how to live - and then to live that way - and to show other people how much God loves them. That may come from the words of the bible, or from things that you see and hear around you. However it comes - it will leave a feeling in your hearts that you need to turn to God in prayer and do what it is he is asking. From that point on it is up to you to pay attention and do it. ***This week, ask God to help you hear his message and to do what he asks – ask him to help you to follow Jesus - and to show his love to everyone you meet.***

Today is the **39th anniversary of Roe v. Wade**. Each January, the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, Americans rally in Washington DC and exercise their freedoms of speech and petition. Roe v. Wade was a Supreme Court decision decided in 1973 making abortion legal in the United States. The issue of abortion and a woman's right to choose has remained controversial and politically charged ever since. Let us support this cause which values human life.

We are preparing for our Tithing Update which will take place in February. Many have asked "What is the tithe?" Tithing is the "gateway for the believer into the covenant of blessings." In the Hebrew "maaser" or "maasrah," is translated *tenth*, or *tenth part*, and in Greek "apodekatoo" and in both, it means a *payment or giving or receiving of the tenth*. ***The tithe is that tenth of our income that we give to God, which enables Him to move on our behalf in the area of blessings.*** The Bible records numerous accounts of man tithing to God. God is the creator of everything that exists. He owns everything and we are simply stewards of what we have been entrusted with. ***The tithe principle is this; "He gives unto us, we give back to Him one-tenth of all that He has blessed us with."***

I remind parents of children preparing for **First Penance** that there will be a **mandatory meeting on Tuesday, January 31st** for parents of those children who are preparing for First Reconciliation. The meeting will take place in **Room 4 of the Upper School**. Please enter by the CARES door off of the parking lot. We ask that you **be here by 6:45 p.m.** as the meeting will **begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.** **One parent MUST ATTEND this meeting.** The meeting will consist of a **DVD entitled "A Child's First Penance"**, General Information regarding immediate preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the children, and **Door Prizes**.

Lastly, on **Saturday, March 3, 2012** the Archdiocese is sponsoring a **Men's Spirituality Conference**. The Conference will be held at **Archbishop Ryan High School** in Philadelphia. The cost will be **\$35.00 per person, lunch included**. Doors open at 7:45am. See the flyer on the bulletin boards in the back of Church. I encourage all men of the parish to participate and experience first-hand an inspiring time of faith and sharing. Thanks for reading and have a great week!

Your Brother & Shepherd,
 Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh